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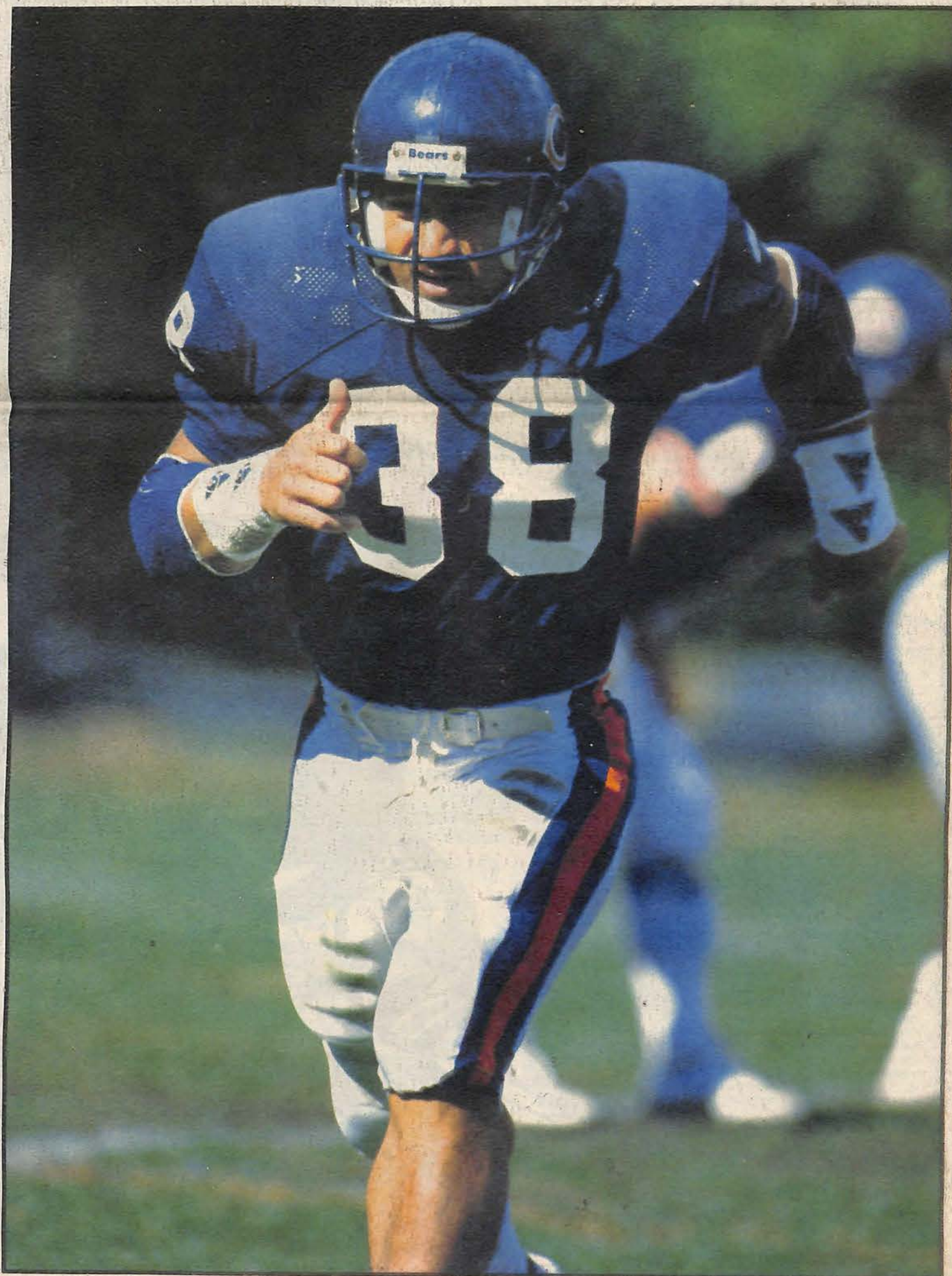
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Running back Lakei Heimuli hopes his second chance with the Bears' replacement team will earn him a permanent spot on Chicago's roster. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

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# As strike reaches an impasse, fans getting pulled both ways

The players' strike has lasted three weeks now, and nothing seems to be solved. And what's worse, no progress is being made with anything in relation to the strike. Everything is just going around in a big circle, and the fans and coaches are caught in the middle of it.

DOUG BUFFONE



Last week in Chicago we saw Mike Ditka plead to the fans to attend the game and Mike Singletary plead to the fans not to attend the game against the Vikings at Soldier Field.

Well, you can't tell the fans what to do. They're being pulled both ways and it's not fair to them. The fans are the ones who pay all the bills, and they're not getting any respect for it.

Some of the players after Sunday's game came down on the fans for going into the stadium. That's ridiculous. You can't come

down on the fans. Look what happened to the Chicago Blitz a few years ago. Only about 25,000 people were showing up for the games, and the players spouted off about it. So they alienated the fans and dug their own grave.

And now the NFL players are beginning to get down on the fans. That makes no sense at all. They have to stop putting the pressure on the fans.

The fans aren't stupid. If the regular players keep yelling at them, the fans will become more attached to the replacement teams and totally forget about the regular players. Then the NFLPA will really be in trouble.

I'm tired of hearing all the whining going on on both sides, and so are the rest of the fans. They'll get fed up with it and start supporting the replacement teams even more. Those players are the only ones not whining during this strike.

Last week the strike started to get to Mike Ditka, and after Sunday's game he showed he was frustrated with the situation. He's caught in the middle, too, like a child whose parents are getting a divorce. He's been with the replacement players for three weeks now. He led the striking players to the Super Bowl. As a result, he's attached to both sides. So which way does he go?

He can't say anything. The best thing for him to do would be to just go about his business without trying to take a stance either way.

This strike never should have happened in the first place, and it's ended up just hurt-

ing everyone involved.

But at least the Bears are 4-0, and I guess that's the bottom line. The Bears got pretty beat up against the Vikings, but that's expected. These players are playing themselves into shape. They haven't had any training camp, so you can expect to see a lot of injuries in the near future.

It looks like it's going to be a long haul for them, so the Bears will need to avoid injuries. They'll especially have their work cut out for them when they go against the teams that have had a lot of veteran players cross the line.

That's exactly the case the Bears will face Sunday against New Orleans. Chicago will go against a lot of veterans, so they'll need to be healthy. It'll be a good test for the young team, especially the offensive unit. The Saints' defense is strong and allowed just four yards passing to St. Louis last week.

But maybe Ditka can work another miracle and pull off a win over New Orleans. And he may have to do that quite a few more times if nothing happens with the strike negotiations.

I thought the strike would be over by now, but it seems the negotiations are at an impasse. If both sides don't wise up soon, they may realize too late it's the fans that really count. Because in the end, the fans will decide what happens.

Doug Buffone can be seen on television each week with Rich King on Sportsbeat 50, aired in Chicago on channel 50 at 10 p.m. Saturday nights.

## DRAW PLAY By Dick Kulpa





# Bears major force in union strategy

## STRIKE NOTES:

When the strike ends, which should be by the time this is read, the Bears may have played a considerable role in the settlement.

At the all-night meeting of player representatives in Rosemont on Oct. 5-6, the Bears were represented by at least 21 players, about one-third of the total attendance.

Although player representative Mike Singletary did most of the talking, the Bears' position was reinforced by the impressive numbers Singletary had to support him.

**DON PIERSON**



When the players emerged with a resolution practically ordering union chief Gene Upshaw to return to the negotiating table and not let "any one issue" stand in the way of an agreement, it sounded as though the Bears had drawn it up themselves.

Although as solid as any club in the league in support of their union, the Bears have said from the start that free agency alone was not worth striking over. The concept is nice, sure, but practically, it is not worth the sacrifice of several paychecks.

Other players on other teams who have never been to a Super Bowl and have little hope of making it are more inclined to stay out over free agency.

But during the meeting of more than seven hours, the Bears and other teams apparently got their point across: let's get back to the table and make a deal.

Details of the meeting were not immediately available, of course, because the players didn't want to risk their plan at a sensitive time. But Singletary said:

"I think the Bears were very influential. They were there and you know they are going to voice their opinion. Not anyone left without knowing how the Bears felt."

"The biggest thing we talked about was to make sure there's not one hangup going to stop us from getting an agreement. We want to let management know that the players want to bargain and play football."

Said union official Clark Gaines, a former Jets running back: "The Bears were a very vocal crowd. They expressed themselves on all the issues."

### In reality, both sides lose

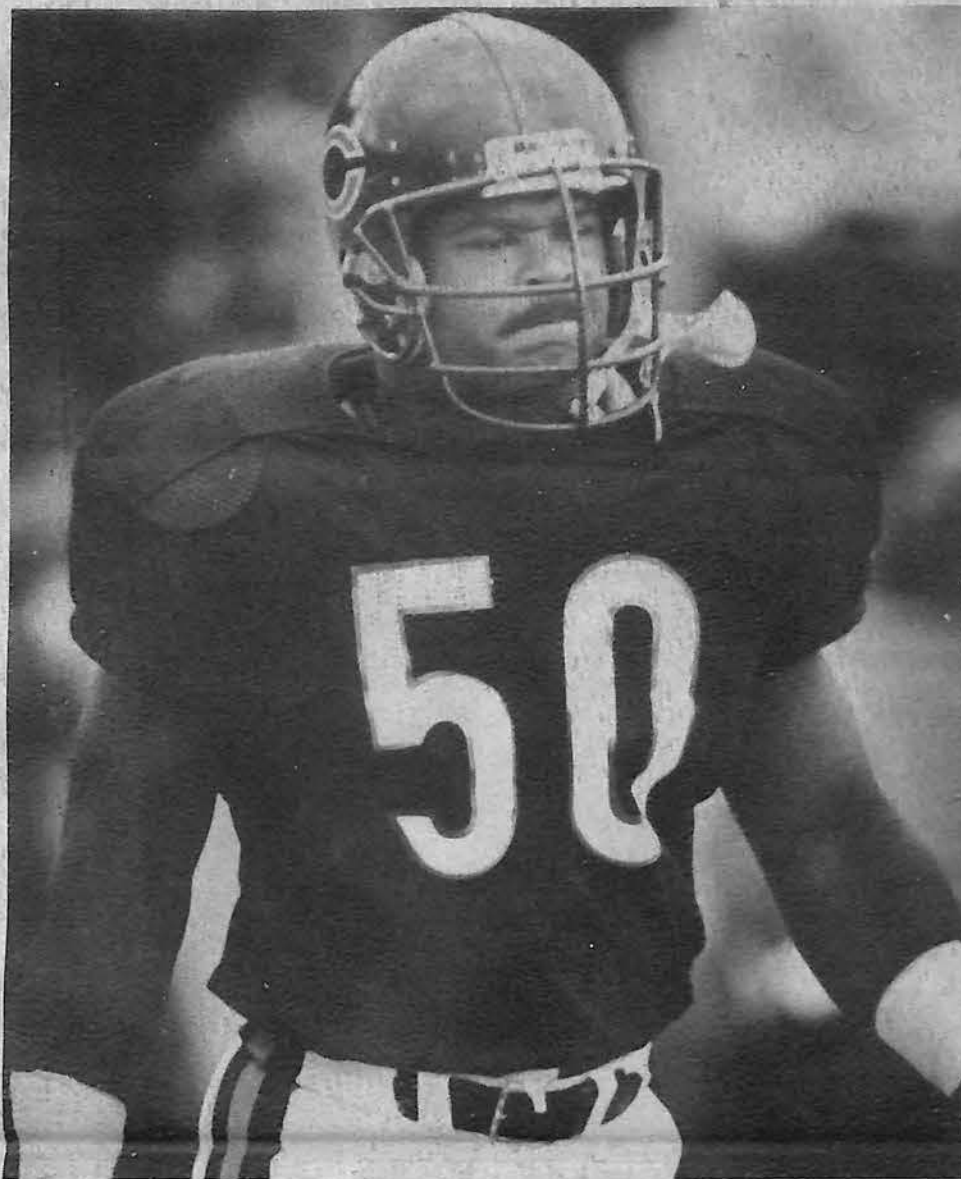
Both sides will claim ultimate victory after this strike, because ties are not condoned in football. Neither side will admit the truth: that both lose considerably.

Both sides are either dumb or have short memories. They both lost during the 57-day walkout in 1982 and they will both lose again. Not only do they lose money, but they lose the integrity of the sport and the loyalty of fans, two elements that money can't buy and time doesn't always heal.

Greed and arrogance will forever be a part of National Football League history, as obvious as competition and excitement.

They ought to build a new wing in the Hall of Fame dedicated to the sport's darkest hours. This year's "replacement" games could fill a whole room with stupid memorabilia.

They could start with the jersey of Philadelphia's pathetic quarterback-punter Guido Merkins, spelled "Merkins" because he played only eight years in the NFL with the Oilers and Saints and nobody ever heard of him.



Player representative Mike Singletary made the Bears' views on the strike known at a meeting of the NFLPA in Chicago last week. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

The jersey would be well-pressed, flattened in fact, stiff as a board. The Bears sacked him 10 times and blocked one of his sorry punt attempts.

Then there could be tape-recorded messages featuring "Ridiculous Strike Quotes."

Tampa Bay's Hugh Culverhouse, on playing the substitute games: "We want to protect the integrity of the game."

Philadelphia owner Norman Braman would be one of the featured voices. He blamed everything except the Klu Klux Klan for keeping his first crowd down to 4,074 in Veterans Stadium.

Ignoring the 41,000 ticket refund requests he got several days prior to kickoff, Braman accused everything from lackadaisical policemen to "mobster" unions for the unrest surrounding his stadium.

"I don't know what else we can do," Bra-

man lamented.

He never mentioned the games themselves might have been a bad idea.

**Coaches, like fans, are exploited**

Besides fans, coaches are the people exploited most by the owners' scheme to sell amateur games at professional prices.

They are asked to win football games without football players, as if the X's and O's, the Gatorade and shoulder pads, are all that is required.

They are like men asked to sculpture granite with butter knives and smile while they're doing it. It is no wonder the frustration bubbles over into irrationality.

Mike Ditka, for example, foolishly blasted fans who might want their money back. Two days later, he recognized it is their prerogative if they don't care to pay first-class money for second-class entertainment.

He notated his original tirade with a familiar disclaimer: "That's the way I am. That don't make me right, but that's the way I am."

Fortunately, most of Ditka's players know him well enough not to pay attention to most of what he has been saying during the strike.

"We're just gadgets on the machine, trying to do our job," Ditka said.

## 1987 Bears Schedule

### REGULAR SEASON

Chicago 34, N.Y. Giants 19  
Chicago 20, Tampa Bay 3  
Sun., Sept. 27 ..... at Detroit, noon  
Chicago 35, Philadelphia 3  
Chicago 27, Minnesota 7  
Sun., Oct. 18 ..... NEW ORLEANS, noon  
Sun., Oct. 25 ..... at Tampa Bay, noon  
Sun., Nov. 1 ..... KANSAS CITY, noon  
Sun., Nov. 8 ..... at Green Bay, noon  
Mon., Nov. 16 ..... at Denver, 8 p.m.  
Sun., Nov. 22 ..... DETROIT, noon  
Sun., Nov. 29 ..... GREEN BAY, noon  
Sun., Dec. 6 ..... at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
Mon., Dec. 14 ..... at San Francisco, 8 p.m.  
Sun., Dec. 20 ..... SEATTLE, noon  
Sun., Dec. 27 ..... at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.  
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# GAME WRAPUP

## Strike wears on Ditka as Bears win

By Michael Polzin  
Managing Editor

CHICAGO — A lot of people in the Bears' organization have been working a lot of long hours trying to field a good team for these replacement games. But after the Bears got by Minnesota with an easy 27-7 win at Soldier Field Sunday, head coach Mike Ditka seemed to be losing some of his enthusiasm for these games.

After watching his team win a sloppy, mistake-filled game, Ditka sounded like a man who's realizing there's only so much you can do with second-rate material.

"It's a little depressing," he said. "We want things to work out perfect, to execute every play as well as we can. Sometimes you can't. But these kids are trying."

The spare Bears are trying hard, and at times they've really sparked and played like the regular Bears. The defense recorded nine sacks against Minnesota and held the Vikings to just one touchdown and 151 total yards.

The offense moved the ball 344 yards, turned the ball over just once and controlled the line of scrimmage while gaining 185 yards on the ground.

But mistakes made for a sloppy first half that included a total of 14 penalties for 125 yards.

Players, coaches and management said the games with replacement players would improve each week, but it didn't look like that in the first half.

### Penalties hurt Bears

Penalties cost Chicago a field goal and an interception by the defense. On their first possession of the game the Bears drove to Minnesota's 15-yard line, where Tim Lashar came in to kick a 32-yard field goal. The kick was good, but Jay Norvell was called for holding on the play. Lashar then attempted a 42-yard field goal, but the ball went wide right.

Then in the second quarter the Bears' Egypt Allen intercepted a pass by Minnesota quarterback Tony Adams, but the play was nullified by an illegal use of hands penalty against Greg Fitzgerald.

Minnesota continued down the field to the Bear 14-yard line, where Dale Dawson came in to kick a 31-yard field goal. But he also missed to the right, leaving the score dead-

locked at 0-0.

Then it was the Bears' turn to take advantage of a penalty. On fourth and 23 from their own 26, Chicago punted the ball, but Minnesota ran into kicker Kevin Brown to give the Bears a first down at their own 27.

Quarterback Mike Hohensee then completed three passes on the drive to Glen Kozlowski, including a nine-yard touchdown pass on third down and goal to give Chicago a 7-0 lead in the second quarter. The play capped a 12-play, 80-yard drive for the Bears.

"It was man-to-man coverage and I did a little move to the outside and came across the middle," Kozlowski said about the touchdown catch.

### Kozlowski earning respect

On the day Kozlowski caught seven passes for 87 yards, giving him 12 catches in the last two games. And he wasn't even on the field Sunday as much as he could have been because he was suffering leg cramps throughout the game.

"You don't have a Dave Duerson out there covering you," Kozlowski said while downplaying his performance. "I have confidence in my abilities and I should be able to do that."

Ditka said, "He's a hell of a kid. He's got a big heart. He's my kind of guy."

In the third quarter the Bears went up 14-0 on a one-yard touchdown dive by Chris Brewer. The Bears moved the ball 63 yards on the drive in which Hohensee completed four of six passes for 45 yards.

Hohensee said the Bears were able to open up their offense in the second half after establishing their running game in the first half. "We were successful with the running game. And as long as you're successful you might as well stay with it," he said. "In the second half they were a little more leery of the run, so our play-action passes were working well."

Hohensee said the Bears didn't add a lot of plays to the offense last week, just new formations. "We've added a lot of different formations trying to confuse them," he said. "But it's basically the same plays."

The Bears started their next offensive series at Minnesota's 36-yard line after a Viking punt. But on second down it was Minnesota's turn to get an interception nul-



Egypt Allen hits Vikings running back Jeff Womack for a loss on 4th down early in Sunday's 27-7 win for Chicago. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

lified on a penalty. Hohensee threw a pass to Minnesota's Fabray Collins, but the interception was called back when Phil Micech was called for roughing the passer. That gave Chicago a first down at the Viking 16. The Bears could only move the ball seven yards before Lashar kicked a 26-yard field goal for a 17-0 lead.

### Vikings score only points

Minnesota was able to come back and get on the board with a 71-yard drive that ended in an 11-yard touchdown pass from Adams to James Brim with 13:30 left in the game. That cut the Bears' lead to 17-7.

But Chicago added a field goal with 9:36 left for a 20-7 lead. Lashar's 27-yard kick was set up by Hohensee's 26-yard scramble to the Viking 15-yard line.

Bruce McCray capped the day for Chicago when he intercepted a pass with under 30 seconds left in the game and returned it 23 yards for a touchdown, making the final score 27-7.

The Bears kept their record perfect at 4-0 and built a two-game lead over the Vikings in the NFC Central Division. And the defense, led by left end Sean McInerney, maintained their excellence.

McInerney, who led the Bears with 3½ sacks for 22 yards, credited the coaching staff for turning the defensive players into a powerhouse. "If you have some talent and you have good coaching, you're going to get good play. And that's what's been happening," he said.

McInerney said the new Bears aren't trying to imitate the regular Bear defense when they're on the field. "We just play like our-

selves," he said. "But with the coaching staff and the plays they throw in, it just comes around like we're playing like the other Bears. We're giving 110 percent every time we go out. If they get a fluke touchdown, if they get a long first down, we just scrap it. It's in the books. We go out and we play the next down, and we give 110 percent. I think that's what the Bears do. That's what the Bears are known for. And we just do what we have to do."

### Defense earns Ditka's praise

Ditka likes what he's seen from the defense. "It wasn't the greatest executed game in the world. But I'll say something about that defense. They can really play. They played hard," he said.

The Bears drew a crowd of 32,111 to the game despite pleas from the spare Bears to stay away from the game. The spare Bears, in the meantime, appreciated the support from the cheering fans.

"There was a lot of support. I was quite surprised," Kozlowski said. "I'd really like to see the two sides get together and end the strike, but if it gets me another week, I'll be happy."

Said McInerney, "I think the fans did a heck of a job and helped us out, too."

Added fullback Lakei Heimuli, who led the Bears with 67 yards rushing, "The crowd was very nice today. I think that really helped us."

Ditka also thanked the fans in his somber post-game press conference. "We appreciate the people who appreciate us very much," he said. "We try to do the best we can. It's just an unfortunate situation."



Bears linebacker Mike January records one of Chicago's nine sacks against Minnesota quarterback Tony Adams in Sunday's game at Soldier Field. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)



# Bears-Vikings game statistics

## SCORING SUMMARY

Minnesota Vikings	0	0	0	7	—	7
Chicago Bears	0	7	10	10	—	27

Bears, 2, 10:04, Kozlowski, 9-yard pass from Hohensee (Lasher, kick) 0-7.

Bears, 3, 10:05, Brewer, 1-yard run (Lasher, kick), 0-14.

Bears, 3, 12:53, Lasher, 26-yard field goal, 0-17.

Vikings, 4, 1:30, Brim, 11-yard pass from Adams (Dawson, kick), 7-17.

Bears, 4, 5:24, Lasher, 27-yard field goal, 7-20.

Bears, 4, 14:34, McRay, 23-yard interception return (Lasher, kick), 7-27.

Attendance: 32,111; tickets distributed: 66,030; unused: 33,917; time: 3:17

Weather: Sunny & cold; temperature: 42; humidity 49%; wind and direction: 5 mph NW

## FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	Vikings	Bears
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	15	26
By Rushing	4	11
By Passing	8	11
By Penalty	3	4
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	6-16	5-16
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	0-2	1-1
TOTAL NET YARDS	151	344
Total Off. Plays		
(Inc. times passing)	63	76
Av. Gain per Off. Play	2.4	4.5
NET YARDS RUSHING	43	185
Total Rushing Plays	22	41
Av. Gain Per Rush. Play	2.0	4.5
NET YARDS PASSING	108	159
Times Thrown —		
Yds. Lost Att. To Pass	9-70	4-27
Gross Yds. Passing	178	186
PASS ATT. — COMP. —		
HAD INTERCEPTED	32-15-1	31-16-0
Av. Gain Per Pass Play		
(Inc. times thrown passing)	2.6	4.5
PUNTS — NO. AND AV.	5-38.0	5-41.6
Had Blocked	0	0
TOTAL RET. YARDAGE	124	70
No. and Yds. Punt Ret.	1-21	2-21
No. and Yds. KO Returns	6-103	2-26
No. and Yds. Interc. Ret.	0-0	1-23
PENALTIES — NO. AND YDS.	9-80	9-82
FUMBLES — NO. AND LOST	3-1	3-1
TOUCHDOWNS	1	3
Rushing	0	1
Passing	1	1
Returns	0	1
EXTRA POINTS MADE — ATT.	1-1	3-3
FG MADE — ATT.	0-1	1-2
TIME OF POSSESSION	24:33	35:27

## FINAL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

### Minnesota Vikings

RUSHING	Att.	Net Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Wilson	4	13	3.3	6	0
Thomas	6	4	.7	5	0
Womack	5	7	1.4	6	0
Adams	4	10	2.5	6	0
Brim	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
Walker	2	11	5.5	6	0

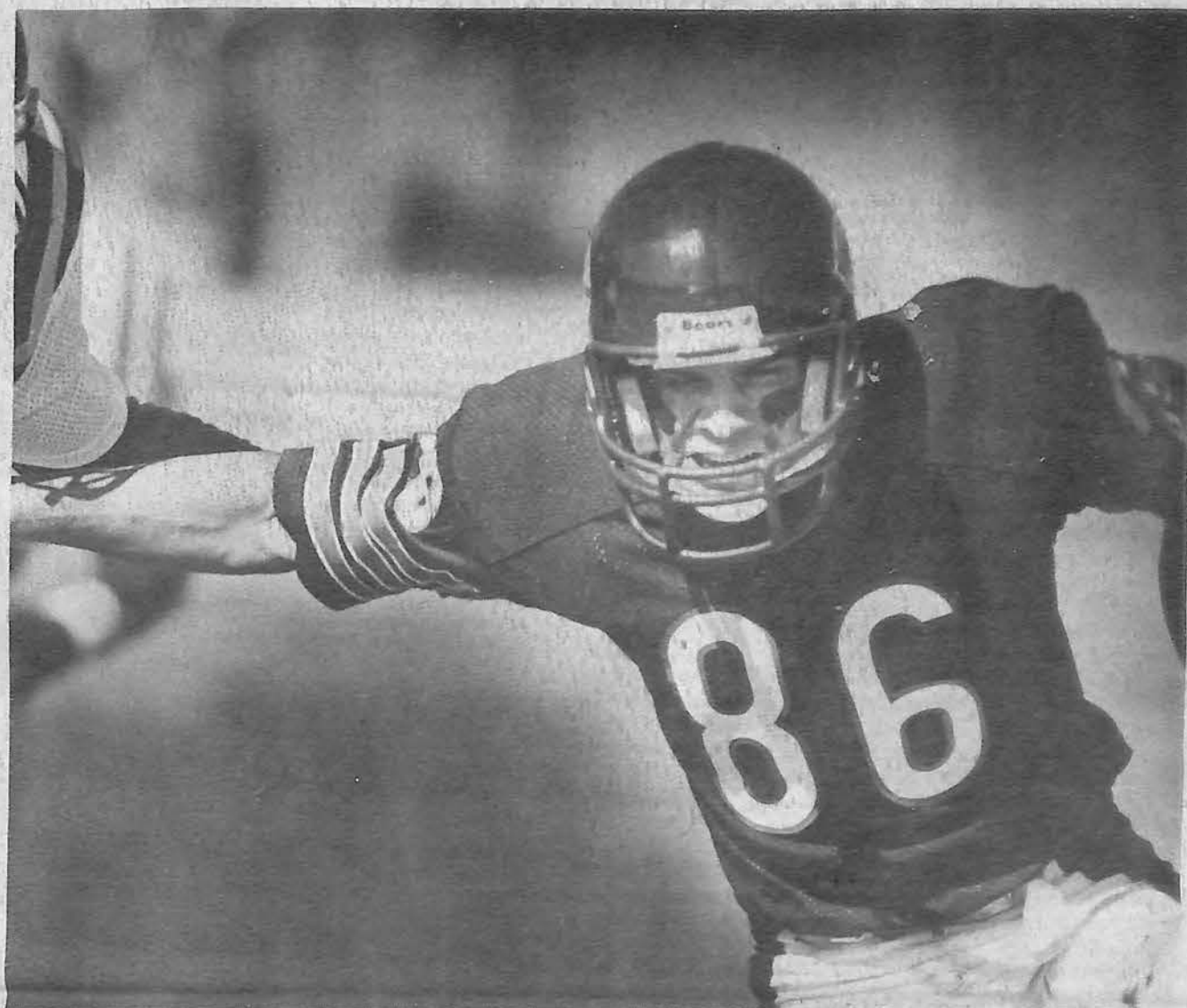
PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TKD	TD	LG	Had Int.
Adams	29	15	178	8/60	1	22	0
L. Miller	3	0	0	1/10	0	0	1

PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Brim	8	89	14	1
Daugherty	1	8	8	0
Parks	3	46	19	0
Thomas	2	13	10	0
May	1	22	22	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
Bruno	5	190	38.0	0	0	48

PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
Bess	1	1	21	21	0
*Touchback	2				
*Outbounds	1				

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Bess	30	50	33	0
Womack	3	53	20	0



Bear wide receiver Glen Kozlowski had another big day Sunday, catching seven passes for 87 yards against the Vikings. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

FUMBLES	Fum.	Own	Rec.	Yds.	TD
Bess	1	0	0	0	0
Adams	1	0	0	0	0
Womack	0	1	0	0	0
May	1	0	0	0	0
Ori	0	1	0	0	0

Knapczyk.....	1	14	14	0
		Own		
<b>FUMBLES</b>	<b>Fum.</b>	<b>Rec.</b>	<b>Yds.</b>	<b>TD</b>
Hohensee .....	2	2	0	0
Brown .....	1	0	-6	0

## DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

### (Unofficial)

Vikings	T	A	S	YL	Int.	PD	FR
Bess	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Evans	5	0	0	0	0	2	1
Turner	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rosnagle	5	2	0	0	0	1	0
Fitzgerald	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louallen	5	1	0	0	0	1	0
Scott	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Najarian	10	4	0	0	0	1	0
Dick	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
Collins	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mays	4	1	2	18	0	0	0
Coleman	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Walker	1	0	1	8	0	0	0
Bramlett	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Micech	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
White	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ori	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Womack	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Forced Fumbles: Mays

Chicago Bears	Att.	Net Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
RUSHING					
Mosley	10	52	5.2	16	0
Heimuli	13	67	5.2	12	0
Hohensee	4	45	11.3	26	0
Brewer	8	12	1.5	12	1
F. Harris	4	2	.5	4	0
Wolden	1	7	7.0	7	0
Brown	1	0	0.0	0	0

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TKD	TD	LG	Had Int.
Hohensee	30	16	186	3/19	1	28	0
Payton	1	0	0	1/8	0	0	0

PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Mosley	2	16	16	0
Kindt	3	24	11	0
Kozlowski	7	87	28	1
Knapczyk	1	22	22	0
Heimuli	1	17	17	0
Brewer	1	9	9	0
Glasgow	1	11	11	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
McRay	1	23	23	1

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
Brown	5	208	41.6	2	1	58

PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
Jeffries	1	0	5	5	0
Duarte	1	0	16	16	0
*Out of bounds	3				

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Lynch	1	12	12	0

Bears	T	A	S	YL	Int.	PD	FR
Duarte	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
McRay	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
Trimble	3	2	0	0	0	1	0
Lynch	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Allen	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Althoff	6	1	1	12	0	0	0
McInerney	4	1	3½	22	0	0	0
Norvell	7	0	2	14	0	0	0
Morris	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Teafatiller	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
January	5	0	1	7	0	0	0
Bell	5	1	1½	15	0	0	1
Norris	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Forced Fumbles: McInerney 1, Jeffries 1



# Hohensee bidding for permanent job

By David Marran  
Bear Report Staff

CHICAGO — The spare Bears' Mike Hohensee is doing his best to uphold the undefeated tradition that regular Bears Mike Tomczak and Jim McMahon have established at quarterback.

Hohensee won his second straight game as the spare Bears' starting quarterback in Sunday's 27-7 victory over the Minnesota Vikings.

The former Minnesota Golden Gopher completed 16-of-30 passes for 186 yards and one touchdown. He also rushed for 45 yards on four carries.

"I thought I was a little sporadic at the beginning," Hohensee said. "At the beginning, things weren't really working out. I really don't know what was the matter but once we started going it was pretty smooth the rest of the time."

Hohensee has a long way to go before he approaches McMahon's 23-game winning streak, but Tomczak's nine-game streak is in reach if the strike holds out and the spare Bears keep winning.

Even if the strike ends, Bears head coach Mike Ditka says there might be a spot for Hohensee on the Bears' roster.

"I can get rid of one of the quarterbacks immediately and keep him," Ditka said. "What's the problem with that? There's no problem at all. He's going to be your second or third quarterback, so what's the problem with that?"

## Hohensee is well-traveled

Hohensee doesn't see any problem with that either. The Rowland Heights, Calif., native has been a football nomad awaiting a call from the NFL. He has bided his time in the United States Football League, the Canadian Football League and the Arena Football League since leaving Minnesota.

"I hope to get a chance with the regular squad," Hohensee said. "As long as I keep playing well, I think my chances are good, but I'm not going to get my hopes up too much. I didn't get my chance coming out of

college and I had my hopes up high. I just have to go out there and do my best and hopefully it will work out."

Things weren't working out for Hohensee early in the Bears' victory Sunday. Because of the effectiveness of the running game and the new offensive formations, Hohensee was restricted to handing off on 10 of the Bears' first 12 plays.

"At the beginning of the game, I still wasn't sure about the new formations we put in this week," said Hohensee. "But as the game went on, things started to gel. Everyone did their job and that made it easy."

Ironically enough, the new formations that Hohensee was having trouble with early in the game helped later in the game.

"Last week, we kept it kind of vanilla as far as formations go," he said. "This week, we changed formations around a lot and used a lot of different motions. We had the wings and the tight ends in motion throughout the game."

## Line protects well

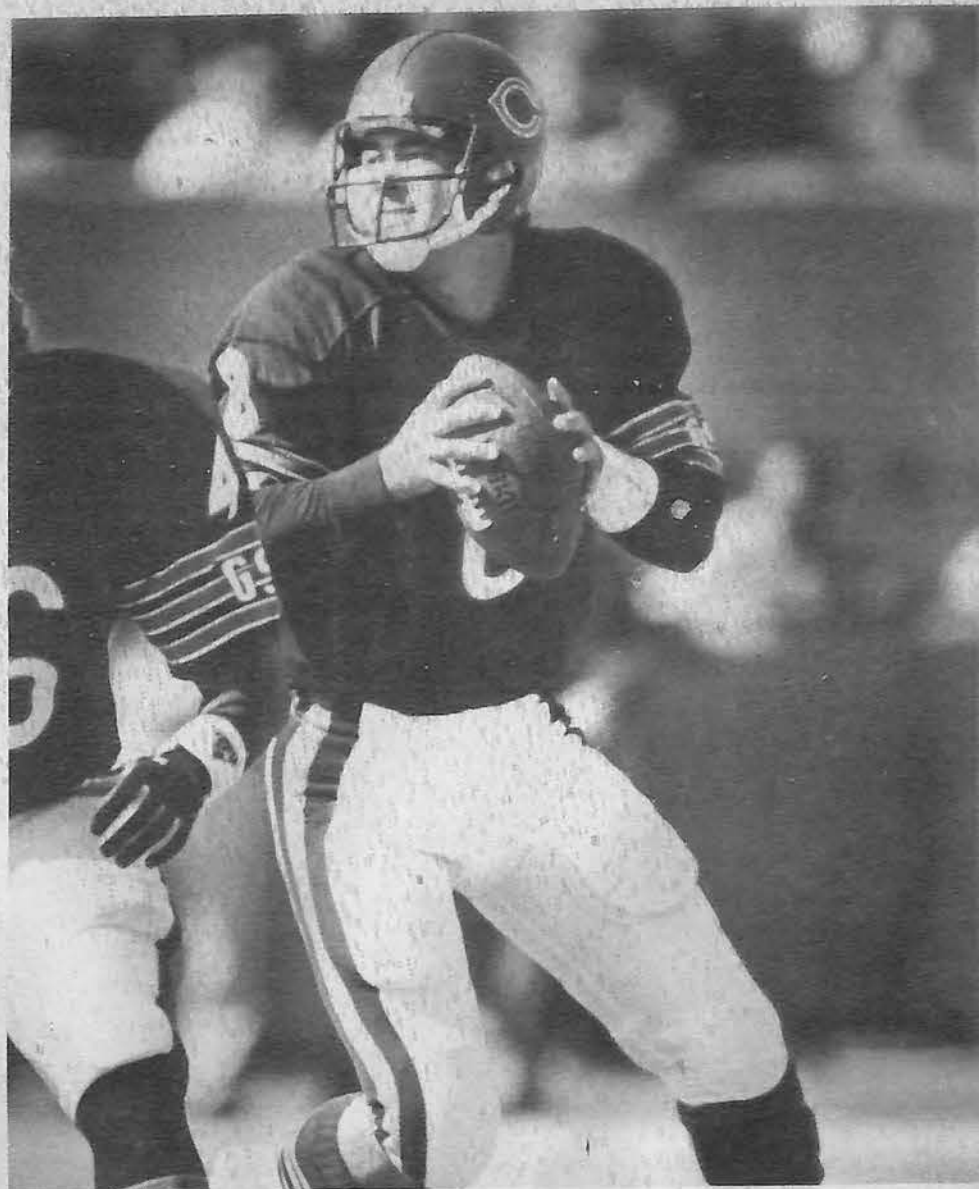
The new formations also helped Hohensee's offensive line protect him. While Minnesota's Tony Adams was sacked nine times, Hohensee only went down three times.

"We were more prepared as far as our pass protection was concerned," Hohensee said. "We picked up their people on the blitzes. I felt sorry for their quarterback. He had a bad day as far as sacks go."

The passing game didn't kick in until the second quarter when the Bears assembled an 80-yard, 15-play scoring drive. Hohensee played a major role in the drive, completing four passes for 60 yards. Hohensee capped off the drive when he hit wide receiver Glen Kozlowski with a nine-yard touchdown pass.

"It was a drag pattern where he came in motion and we got man-to-man defense," Hohensee said. "He beat his man across the middle and they came with the blitz and the middle was wide open. He ran a good route and did a good job of avoiding his man."

His ability to pick up the blitz is one of the reasons the Bears picked up Hohensee for



Quarterback Mike Hohensee turned in another fine performance Sunday, making him a candidate to stay with the Bears after the players' strike ends. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

their non-union team. Ditka has said that Hohensee's ability to detect the blitz gives the Bears a distinct advantage over the other non-union squads.

"We worked hard on picking up the blitz," Hohensee said. "The coaches make sure we work hard on it because they don't want to

put us in a bad situation. If they happen to put us in a bad situation, they are making sure we have the ability to get out of it."

"Everybody recognizes the blitz, not just myself. And I think that's the key for us right now."

## Kozlowski has big day

Kozlowski was Hohensee's prime target throughout the drive and throughout the afternoon. On the scoring drive, Kozlowski caught three passes for 48 yards. On the day, Kozlowski snagged seven passes for 87 yards.

"He had a good day," Hohensee said. "He was getting a little tired but he was getting open for the most part."

The sustained drive gave the Bears offense confidence which carried over into the second half, according to Hohensee.

"Once things started going, everybody's confidence builds up," he said. "We're a young team and I think for as long as we've been together I think that's good to execute a drive like that."

Hohensee carried the momentum from the scoring drive over to the second half, in which he completed 10-of-16 passes for 114 yards.

"In the second half, they were a little more leery of our run so our play-action passes were working well," he said.

Hohensee started the second half with a flurry, completing seven of his first nine passes in leading the Bears to a touchdown and a 14-0 lead.

After guiding the Bears to two field goals and a 20-7 bulge, Hohensee gave way to Sean Payton for the remainder of the afternoon.

Although he has benefited from the strike and a settlement could mean the loss of his job, Hohensee is hoping the strike is resolved soon.

"I hope the strike is settled for the regulars sake so they can get playing, and I hope I'm still here."

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# NEXT WEEK'S OPPONENT

## Chicago Bears

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
8	Mike Hohensee	QB	6-0	205	26	R	Minnesota
10	John Duvic	K	5-11	177	22	R	Northwestern
11	Kevin Brown	P	6-2	178	24	R	W. Texas St.
16	Tim Lashar	K	5-9	160	23	R	Oklahoma
17	Sean Payton	QB	5-11	200	23	R	E. Illinois
21	Eddie Phillips	HB	6-0	207	26	1	Iowa
30	George Duane	CB	5-9	178	23	R	N. Arizona
31	Bruce McCray	CB	5-9	181	23	R	W. Illinois
32	Chris Brewer	FB	6-1	203	25	1	Arizona
35	Mike Hintz	DB	6-1	190	22	R	UW-Platteville
36	Frank Harris	HB	6-1	196	23	R	N. Carolina St.
37	Darryl Clark	HB	5-11	204	26	R	Texas
38	Lakei Helmuli	FB	5-11	219	22	R	Brigham Young
39	Al Wolden	FB	6-3	232	22	R	Bemidji St.
40	Steve Trimble	DB	5-11	190	29	4	Maryland
43	Lorenzo Lynch	CB	5-9	197	24	R	Cal-St. Sacramento
44	Mike Stoops	DB	6-1	185	25	1	Iowa
46	Anthony Mostey	HB	5-9	204	22	R	Fresno St.
47	Egypt Allen	DB	6-0	203	23	1	Texas Christian
49	Pete Raelord	DB	5-10	175	27	R	N. Michigan
51	Mark Rodenhauer	C	6-5	260	26	R	Illinois St.
52	Lynn Seward	C	6-2	255	24	R	E. Illinois
53	Brent Johnson	C	6-2	255	24	R	Tenn./Chattanooga
54	Doug Rothschild	LB	6-2	231	22	R	Wheaton Col.
64	Jon Roehlk	OG	6-2	257	26	1	Iowa
65	Eugene Rowell	DT/OL	6-3	265	29	1	Dubuque
67	John Arp	OT	6-5	275	22	R	Lincoln Univ.
68	Sean McInerney	DL	6-3	255	26	1	Frostburg St.
69	Stuart Rindy	OL	6-5	266	23	1	UW-Whitewater
70	Jim Althoff	DT/LS	6-3	278	26	R	Winona St.
71	Jack Oliver	OT	6-3	281	25	1	Memphis St.
73	John Wojciechowski	G	6-4	262	24	1	Michigan St.
75	Charles Harris	OT	6-3	255	25	R	West Virginia
80	Gary Mullen	WR	5-11	174	24	R	West Virginia
81	Don Kindt	TE	6-6	242	26	1	UW-La Crosse
82	Brian Glasgow	TE	6-2	230	26	1	N. Illinois
83	Glen Kozlowski	WR	6-1	195	24	1	BYU
84	Sami Bowers	TE	6-4	250	29	1	Fordham
85	Todd Black	WR	5-11	174	23	R	Concordia Col., IL
86	Rick Benware	WR	5-9	175	23	R	Wheaton College
88	Ken Knapczyk	WR	5-11	190	24	1	Northern Iowa
89	Herbert Johnson	WR	5-11	182	23	R	Missouri
91	Jay Norvell	LB	6-2	232	24	1	Iowa
92	Raymond Morris	LB	5-10	222	26	1	Texas/EI Paso
94	Mike January	LB	6-1	234	23	R	Texas
96	Greg Fitzgerald	DL	6-4	265	24	R	Iowa
97	Bobby Bell	LB	6-2	217	25	2	Missouri
98	Jon Norris	DT	6-3	260	24	1	American Int'l.

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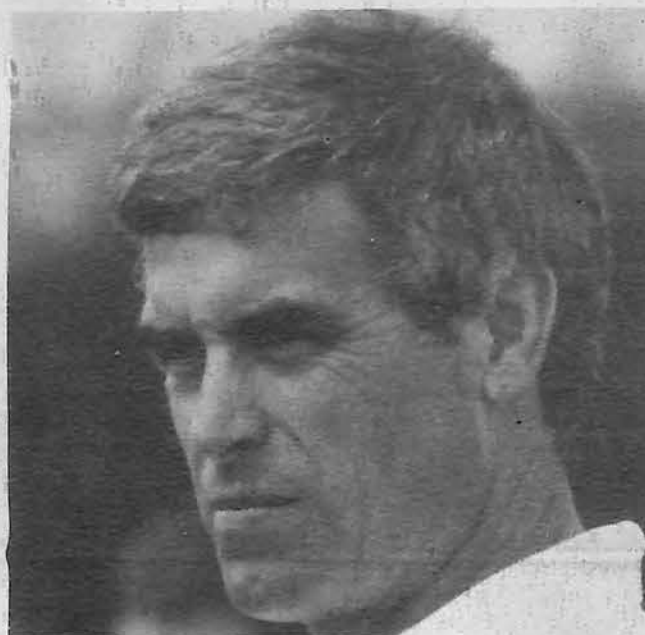
**Kickoff:** Sunday, Oct. 18, noon central time.

**Site:** Soldier Field, Chicago.

**Playing surface:** Artificial turf.

**Series record:** The Bears lead the regular season series 7-4. The teams have never met in post-season play. The teams last met in 1984 when the Bears won 20-7 at Soldier Field.

**Radio, TV coverage:** The game is scheduled to be broadcast live by CBS-TV, channel 2 in Chicago. WGN radio and the Bears radio network also will carry the game live.



SAINTS HEAD COACH JIM MORA

## New Orleans Saints

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
4	Mike Cofe	K	6-2	195	1	23	N. Carolina St.
6	Tommy Barnhardt	P	6-3	205	1	24	North Carolina
11	John Fourcade	QB	6-1	208	1	26	Mississippi
12	Kevin Ingram	QB	6-0	178	1	25	East Carolina
20	John Sutton	CB	6-1	195	1	30	New Mexico
22	Derrick Taylor	CB	5-11	186	1	23	N. Carolina St.
24	Scott Woerner	SS	6-0	185	2	26	Georgia
27	Antonio Gibson	SS	6-3	204	2	25	Cincinnati
28	Gene Atkins	SS	6-1	200	7	23	Florida A&M
29	Reggie Sutton	CB	5-10	180	1	22	Miami
30	Vincent Alexander	FB	5-10	205	1	23	S. Mississippi
32	Darrel Toussaint	DB	6-0	165	1	28	NW Louisiana
33	Junior Thurman	DB	6-0	180	1	23	USC
34	Jeff Rodenberger	FB	6-3	235	1	27	Maryland
40	Michael Adams	CB	5-10	195	3	23	Arkansas St.
43	Garland Jean Batiste	FB	6-0	208	R	22	LSU
47	Dwight Beverly	RB	5-11	205	1	25	Illinois
50	Phillip James	G	6-2	265	1	22	Southern
51	Larry McCoy	LB	6-2	240	2	26	Lamar
54	Bill Roe	LB	6-3	235	3	29	Colorado
55	Joe DeForest	LB	6-1	240	1	22	SW Louisiana
56	Ron Weissenhofer	LB	6-3	235	R	23	Notre Dame
57	Scott Leach	LB	6-2	221	9	24	Ohio St.
59	James Campen	C	6-3	260	1	23	Tulane
61	Greg Loberg	G/T	6-4	264	1	25	California
64	Ted Elliott	NT	6-6	275	1	22	Mankato St.
68	Walter Housman	T/G	6-5	285	1	24	Jpsala
69	Patrick Swoopes	NT	6-4	280	1	23	Mississippi St.
71	Ken Kaplan	T	6-5	270	3	27	New Hampshire
74	William Leach	G/T	6-5	280	1	23	North Carolina St.
75	Bruce Clark	DE	6-3	275	6	29	Penn St.
77	Daren Gilbert	T	6-6	295	3	24	Cal. St.-Fullerton
79	Henry Thomas	G	6-2	275	R	23	SW Texas St.
80	Stacey Dawsey	WR	5-9	154	1	21	Indiana
82	Ken O'Neal	TE	6-3	240	1	25	Idaho St.
83	Dwight Walker	WR	5-9	190	4	28	Nicholls St.
84	Martin, Eric	WR	6-1	207	3	25	LSU
85	Curtland Thomas	WR	6-0	183	1	25	Missouri
86	Vic Harrison	WR	5-9	184	1	26	North Carolina
87	Malcolm Scott	TE	6-5	245	1	26	LSU
88	Mike Waters	TE	6-2	230	2	25	San Diego St.
91	Ken Marchiol	LB	6-2	248	1	22	Mesa, CO
93	Kevin Young	DE	6-5	265	R	22	Utah St.
96	Sheldon Andrus	NT	6-1	270	1	25	Nicholls St.
99	Tony Elliott	NT	6-2	295	6	28	North Texas St.

**W**ith the NFL strike appearing to be closer to a settlement as each day passes, it may be over by the time this is read and the real teams may be back on the field for Sunday's games.

But because the strike hasn't been settled as of this writing, the Bears-Saints game for Sunday will be previewed with the assumption that the replacement teams will play.

The Bears came out of the first round of replacement games with a 35-3 win over the Eagles and with possibly one of the better replacement teams in the league. Chicago showed it was especially strong at quarterback with Mike Hohensee and at wide receiver with Ken Knapczyk and Glen Kozlowski.

On the defensive side of the ball the Bears were most impressed with tackle Jim Althoff, who recovered a fumble, had seven tackles and led the Bears with two sacks. He graded out with a 42 for that game, the highest grade by any Bear this year. The previous high was a 34 by Wilber Marshall in the Giant game.

But the Saints' replacement team also debuted well with a 37-10 win over the Rams. New Orleans found a gem at quarterback in John Fourcade, who completed 16 of 21 passes for 222 yards and three touchdowns. He also ran six times for 39 yards.

One of Fourcade's touchdown passes was an 82-yard pass to tight end Mike Waters, which set a Saints record for longest touchdown pass. Saints tight ends have caught six of their seven touchdown passes this year going into last weekend's game against the Cardinals.

Last week the Saints lost to the Cardinals in St. Louis, 24-19. The Cardinals returned two Saints fumbles for touchdowns in the game.

Those two turnovers were the key to the game because New Orleans dominated the statistics. The Saints' defense allowed just four yards passing and 143 total yards. The Saints' offense, on the other hand, piled up 368 total yards. Fourcade completed 16 of 34 passes for 177 yards in the game.

Saints running back Dwight Beverly gained 139 yards on 35 rushes in the game. Fourcade also scrambled five times for 57 yards as the Saints totalled 213 yards on the ground.

The Saints totalled four turnovers in the game, including three fumbles and one interception.

The Saints and Bears know each other well having spent four days of training camp together in Platteville, though that was with different players. But enough veterans have crossed the picket lines in New Orleans to make a difference in this game.

The Saints have had 13 players cross the line, three of whom are on injured reserve. Three of the veterans who crossed are defensive starters — defensive end Bruce Clark, nose tackle Tony Elliott and strong safety Antonio Gibson. Defensive back Reggie Sutton, who normally plays on nickel defenses, also has returned. He'll be joined in the defensive backfield by veterans Michael Adams and Gene Atkins, who returned earlier.

The weakest spot defensively on the Saints' replacement team is at linebacker. That's the only position where none of the players had exposure to the Saints' system before the strike in regular games or training camp. And because the linebackers make most of the defensive calls in the Saints' system, that inexperience could be a significant factor.

But New Orleans' defense held their own against the Rams, holding them to just 21 total yards. The Rams offense only held the ball for 22 minutes.

On offense the Saints have an inexperienced offensive line, but Fourcade's mobility in and out of the pocket could offset that.

He won over the fans at the Louisiana Superdome before the first half was even over in the Saints' game against the Rams. "Stay on strike, stay on strike," the fans chanted after Fourcade had thrown two touchdown passes before halftime. The New Orleans native's performance wasn't rusty at all, considering he hadn't played in an organized football game since 1983.

Fourcade played college ball at Mississippi but wasn't drafted by any NFL team. He was invited to two NFL camps, most recently with New Orleans last season. But he never made a lasting impression until the Rams game.

"He had a great game," said Rams coach John Robinson. "If he could play like that

week in and week out, he'd certainly be playing in this league somewhere."

Fourcade, like the Bears' Hohensee, is a veteran of numerous football leagues. Before joining the Saints he had played with British Columbia and Winnipeg of the Canadian Football League, the Memphis Showboats of the USFL and most recently with the Denver Dynamite of the Arena Football League.

With Fourcade's passing and running back Vincent Alexander's 21 rushes for 71 yards, the Saints were able to convert on 14 of 18 third-down attempts, including nine straight, against the Rams.

The Saints also got a little help from the special teams unit when Reggie Sutton blocked a punt and returned it for a touchdown. That was the first time the Saints scored on a blocked punt since Elex Price did it on Oct. 5, 1980 against the Cardinals.

One reason the Saints came out so well prepared for the Rams game may be that head coach Jim Mora has a little experience in throwing a team together.

Mora was named coach of the Philadelphia Stars of the USFL just a few weeks before the Stars opened their first training camp. But he managed to lead the Stars to all three of the USFL's championship games, winning in 1984 and 1985. His three-year coaching record in the USFL was 48-13-1. Mora joined the Saints in 1986.

Before he coached in the USFL Mora was a defensive line coach for the Seattle Seahawks from 1979-81 and defensive coordinator for the New England Patriots in 1982.



# BEAR NOTEBOOK

## Real Bears hold rally before game

In a stark contrast to a week earlier in Philadelphia, no picket lines or unruly demonstrators greeted Bear fans as they entered Soldier Field before Sunday's game.

The Bears players decided earlier in the week not to picket the stadium in order to avoid any of the hostilities that occurred in Philadelphia.

Instead, the Bears held a rally and autograph signing session on the west side of Soldier Field from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. The purpose of the rally, according to Bear player representative **Mike Singletary**, was to make the real Bears presence known at the stadium and to provide an alternative for fans to the game going on inside the stadium.

"We're asking the fans of the real Chicago Bears to join us in not coming to the game," Singletary said last Wednesday. "We need the message to be known to our fans that we're asking them to support us by not coming to the game. And we feel we need to be there."

The Bears had not done any kind of picketing or demonstrating during the strike until Sunday. That changed, Singletary said, because "Right now they're going to our stadium. They're going to where we make

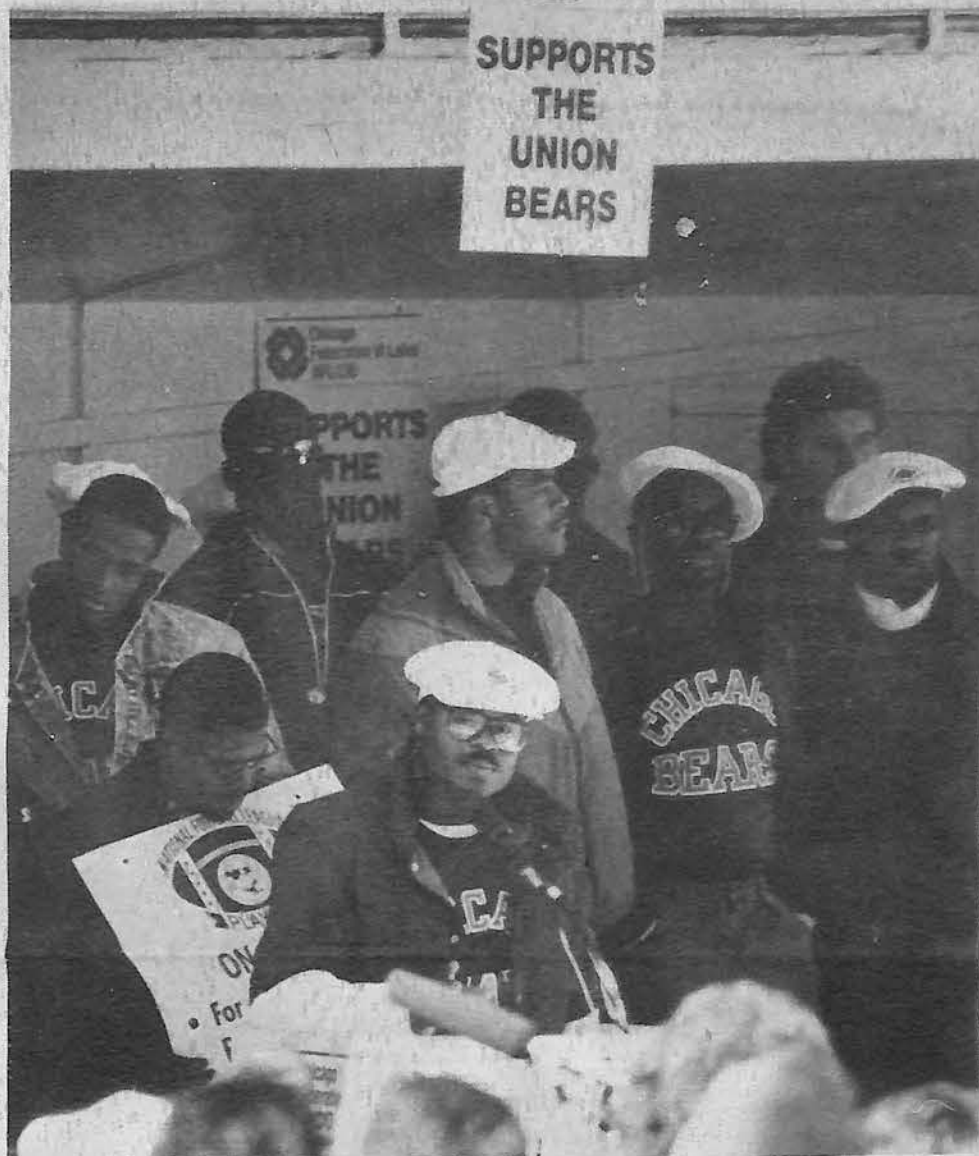
a living. We want to go out there and show them our support to each other and ask the fans not to attend those games on our behalf. We have a commitment to our fans and we're asking that in some kind of way they make a commitment to us."

Singletary made it clear he didn't want fans who decide to attend the game to be harassed in any way. "We know there are some people who will go into the game. We know that some of the players on the field have their moms and dads coming into the game. That's their prerogative. We're not going to say anything. We don't have anything to say to the fans going in. Obviously, they've made up their mind."

"We're not out there to grab anybody by the collar. That's not right. That's not what the Bears are all about. We're gonna do it right."

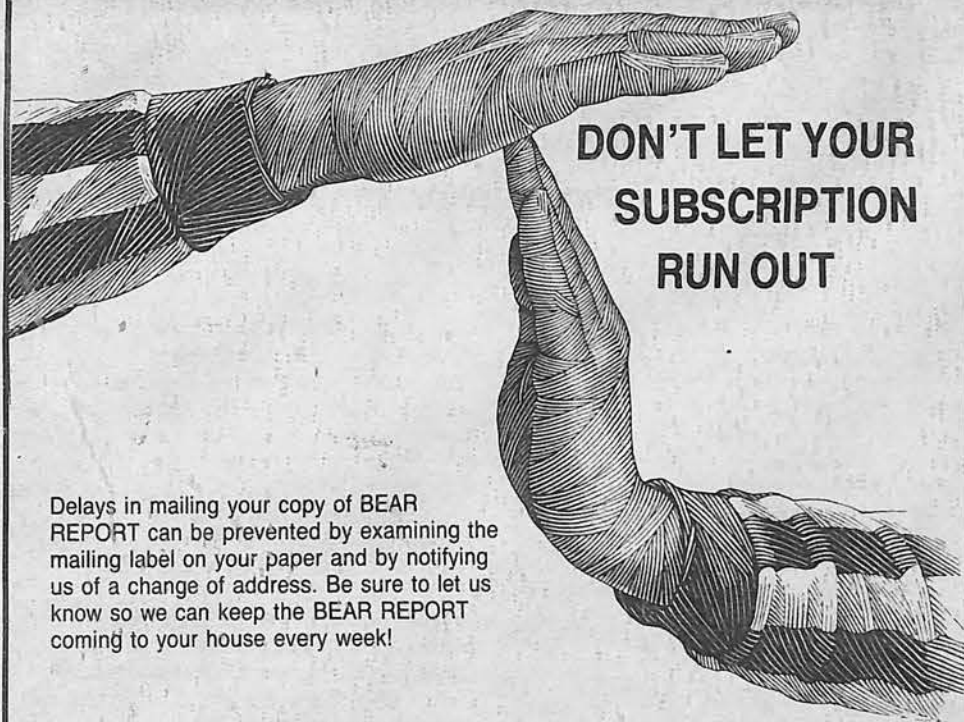
Originally, the Bears planned to set up picket lines and have other unions join them on the lines. But when the Bears realized they may have problems trying to control what happens on the lines, they decided not to picket and opted for the rally instead.

Defensive end Dan Hampton said fans who attend the games are helping the owners. "You're only prolonging the strike by go-



Mike Singletary talks to fans gathered outside Soldier Field Sunday for a rally and autograph session with the real Bear players. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

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ing to the game and sending a message to the owners that you will tolerate a horse — football team," he said.

The entrance gates on the side of the stadium where the rally took place were closed to prevent any kind of conflict. The rally went off without incident.

•**WHILE THE REGULAR BEARS** appealed to fans to support them, head coach **Mike Ditka** asked the fans to support his new players.

"We need the support of the real Bear fans for our players out on the field playing," Ditka said. "Hopefully, they'll give it to us."

•**THE BEARS ADDED THREE** more players to their roster last week, quarterback **Steve Bradley**, linebacker **Leonard Jackson** and cornerback **Eric Jeffries**, the Bears' 12th-round draft choice last spring.

About Bradley Ditka said, "We just felt we needed another quarterback. If you get somebody hurt, you've got to be in a position to use somebody else. He's got a good arm. We had a good grade on him coming

out of college."

Bradley, out of Indiana, was a 12th-round draft choice for the Bengals in 1986.

Jeffries was playing in Canada when the Bears contacted him and he joined the team last week. "We feel Eric Jeffries was a quality back when we had him," Ditka said. "We know he can return punts for one thing. I think it's encouraging that we have him back and we'll see how he progresses."

None of the three new players was activated for Sunday's game.

Ditka also had something to say to the people who said the Bears had one of the poorer replacement teams in the league before the first games with new players. "I think a lot of people were wrong how they evaluated us," Ditka said. "I think we can play head to head with most of the other people."

•**DITKA CREATED A MINOR STIR** last week when he said if he was an owner he wouldn't give refunds to fans who returned tickets.

"If I owned the club and they turned their tickets in, I wouldn't give them a ticket next year," he said. "Seriously, I don't care if people like it or not. It's not any reflection on the Bears' ownership. This is me talking. To me, if you turn it in, I'd find somebody else to give the tickets to. That's the way I am. I think Mr. Halas would have played hardball like that."

But by Wednesday Ditka backed off those statements. "The ones who turned their tickets in, they certainly have a right to do that," he said.

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The roster had not looked impressive. Until the last few days before its first game, the Bears had retrieved only one of their final cuts for the scab team. Eighteen of the original 48 players had never been in an NFL camp, Bear records indicated, although four of them had tried out with USFL or Canadian teams. And the only two with NFL regular-season experience were linebacker Bobby Bell Jr., the son of the Chiefs' Hall of Fame linebacker, and free safety Steve Trimble.

Thirteen of the 46 players whose birthdates the Bears revealed were over 25, probably in at least their fifth year out of college. Three were 29.

#### KEVIN LAMB



Both CBS-TV and Sports Illustrated had rated the replacement Bears — called Spare Bears, Bogus Bears, Bearlies and Imposters of the Midway — as among the NFL's worst.

"I guess they figure it's an accident that we got the best A team in the league," personnel director Bill Tobin said, "so we can't do it again."

As he spoke, the Bears' hastily assembled B team was trashing the Eagles' B team and proving several things.

One was that recognizable names don't necessarily make the best players. Another was that Tobin knows how to find talent better than most of the NFL's scavenger hunters. And another was that it took more than just finding good replacement players to beat other teams' replacement players.

The Bears built their B team around two nuclei. The first was recent near-misses from Bear training camps. Twenty-four had been in training camp with the Bears, including 18 this year, after guard John Wojciechowski and wide receiver Glen Kozlowski joined linebacker Jay Norvel as players from the final cut. Fullback Lakei Heimuli was the only one of five released draft choices to return until cornerback Eric Jeffries joined the club after the Eagle game.

But the more important nucleus, the one that gave the Bears an edge, was their saturation scouting of the indoor Arena Football League. With help from Chicago Bruisers defensive coach Dick Moseley and Pittsburgh Gladiators offensive coach Perry Moss, Tobin said he put together an 18-man AFL all-star team and landed "12 to 14" of his targets.

Two of the best AFL alumni didn't play at Philadelphia because of injuries. Tobin said Keith Smith was the best pass rusher and Lawrence White the fastest receiver. But another AFL star was Mike Hohensee, the quarterback who more than any other player made the difference in the game.

#### Hohensee earns praise

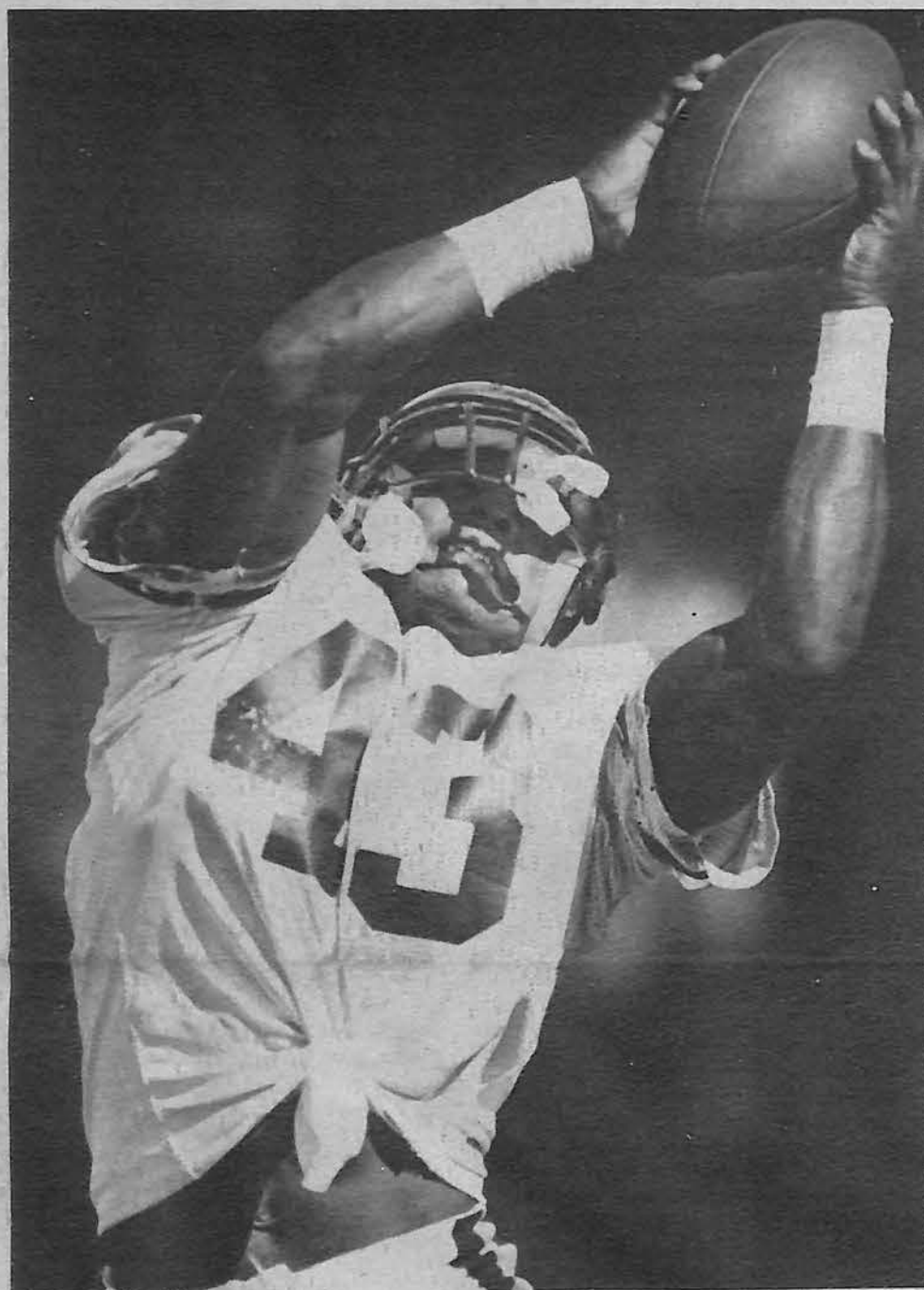
"We just had better players, especially at quarterback," coach Mike Ditka said. He praised Hohensee's ability to react to blitzes and trick defensive coverages and talked seriously about keeping him when the striking players return, presumably to a roster expanded by four spots. On his three touchdown passes, Hohensee eluded a blitz for one and audibled to beat a blitz for another.

Ditka passed up an open shot to the coaching reputation of Eagle coach Buddy Ryan, his former assistant and nemesis. But the Bears also won this odd pop quiz with better coaching and better management.

Most of all, the players never felt treated like a baby's diaper or mud in an entry hall or other necessary evils.

"The coaching staff made us feel welcome," said defensive lineman Greg Fitzgerald, the Hoffman Estates native who had

# Tobin shows why he's one of best



Cornerback Lorenzo Lynch picks off a pass during a spare Bears practice at Halas Hall. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

been playing with the semi-pro River Grove Cowboys. "They never made us feel this was a joke. They took everything we did seriously. We played with the pride of the Bears because the coaches believed in us."

Tobin mentioned the Halas Hall locker room, which equipment men Gary Haeger and Tony Medlin had spiffed up as if for an all-star team. He mentioned Ryan's public wish to trade the Eagles' suddenly new team for any other, "sight unseen."

"That's not the way to do things," Tobin said. "Make them feel good about themselves, and they'll play good. I don't think you take a man's respect away, which Buddy did with this group and with certain people on our team."

"I just hope our guys don't read so much good stuff about themselves that they go out on strike. I don't want to put together a C team."

The spare Bears had no such delusions. But against Philadelphia's castoffs, the defense had familiar Bear numbers of 170 yards allowed and 11 sacks. "One shy of the Bear record," said Sean McInerney, who had two sacks. The defense was nearly as unyielding as the pickets who blocked stadium gates.

Even if the NFL games themselves were accidents, the spare Bears did their best to paint a smiley face on the rubble. They didn't meet NFL standards, but they weren't the

equivalent of church-group theater, either. They made the action inside Veterans Stadium almost as noteworthy as what went on outside — no small feat on a day Philadelphia's organized labor convened to boo each of the 4,074 fans who managed to take a seat.

#### Few mistakes key victory

For that accomplishment, Ditka praised the coaching staff that prepared its motley crew to play professionally in less than two weeks. The Bears fielded a team that was reasonably sound on special teams, protected the passer and rushed the passer. It was remarkably mistake-free. In something this close to a pick-up game, those were the keys to victory.

Ryan had said all week he would use a 3-4 defense. Ditka hadn't believed him. The green linemen were prepared for all the variations of 4-3 and 46 defense Ryan threw at them.

The plays were as basic as a widow's funeral dress, but they were good enough. "We kept repeating things in practice so they wouldn't make mistakes," line coach Dick Stanfel said, "and the guys took the time to study it."

#### Repetition works for defense

On defense, it was the same thing. "The coaches showed us a lot, but they didn't overburden us," McInerney said.

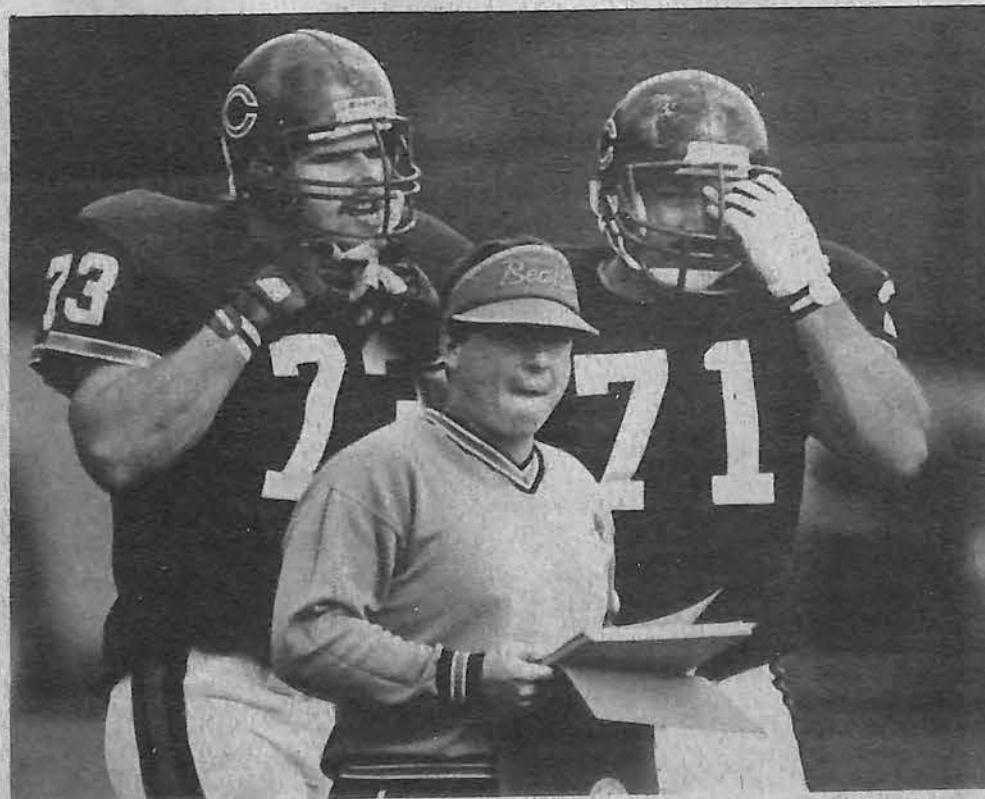
"We worked our coverages and blitzes over and over," said coordinator Vince Tobin. He called more blitzes than usual, but the longest Eagle pass play was 17 yards. "We didn't bust a coverage," he said.

Ditka clearly enjoyed himself, right from the double-breasted blazer and dandy cap that made him look like he'd wandered astray from a parade of British veterans. "The kids have been 'Yessir' and 'Nosir' and 'I want to do it' and always looking to get better," Ditka said. "You've got to be proud of that. You've got to be excited about it."

The kids were excited, certainly. Leaving the field, Fitzgerald shouted, "That's Bear football!"

Ditka had stressed the meaning of Bear football all along. No doubt, he had made frequent reference to the critics' appraisals of the team. "We wanted to prove we weren't what everyone said we were," wide receiver Ken Knapczyk said. And maybe, just wearing the Bears' uniform made the players a smidgeon better.

"We had a tradition to uphold," said McInerney. "The Bears have always been the Monsters of the Midway. The defense has always been great. The main thing was, we wanted to keep their record undefeated. I hope the Bears' fans appreciated it."



Bears coach Steve Kazor goes over plays with new Bears John Wojciechowski (73) and Jack Oliver. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)



## NFL NOTEBOOK

## Vince Evans finds new life with Raiders

The strange saga of former Bear quarterback Vince Evans continues. Evans is currently a non-union member of the Raiders who beat Kansas City at the Coliseum Oct. 4. Evans completed 10 of 18 passes for 248 yards in the 35-17 victory. But up until game time it was unclear how much Evans would play.

Part of the problem was the confusing presence of quarterback Marc Wilson, who

## DORSETT CORSET:

After publicly ripping defensive lineman Randy White for crossing picket lines, Cowboy running back Tony Dorsett had to do the same thing.

Dorsett had an annuity that would have been cut off if he didn't return to practice by Oct. 2. White had the same problem. Dorsett could have lost as much as \$3 million if he didn't rejoin the team.

## BRIAN HEWITT



crossed the picket lines but apparently didn't want to play. When Wilson originally crossed the lines he had the blessing of his striking teammates who believed he had language in his contract that made it mandatory to practice. Then one of them checked union headquarters and reportedly found no such language in the contract existed.

Raider coach Tom Flores initially wasn't sure whether to use Wilson or not. Asked why he wouldn't play Wilson, Flores said, "One of the reasons is that Vince's scrambling ability might be a little bit of an advantage. But I haven't ruled out Marc."

## GO MARCHING IN:

Saints coach Jim Mora, when asked how good his non-union team was: "It isn't NFL caliber or USFL caliber, but it's good enough to beat LSU. And they (LSU) are real good."

Retorted Ram coach John Robinson whose non-union team lost 37-10 in New Orleans: "Was he talking about jayvees or varsity? I'm not making any of those rash statements."

## GARBAGE PAIL:

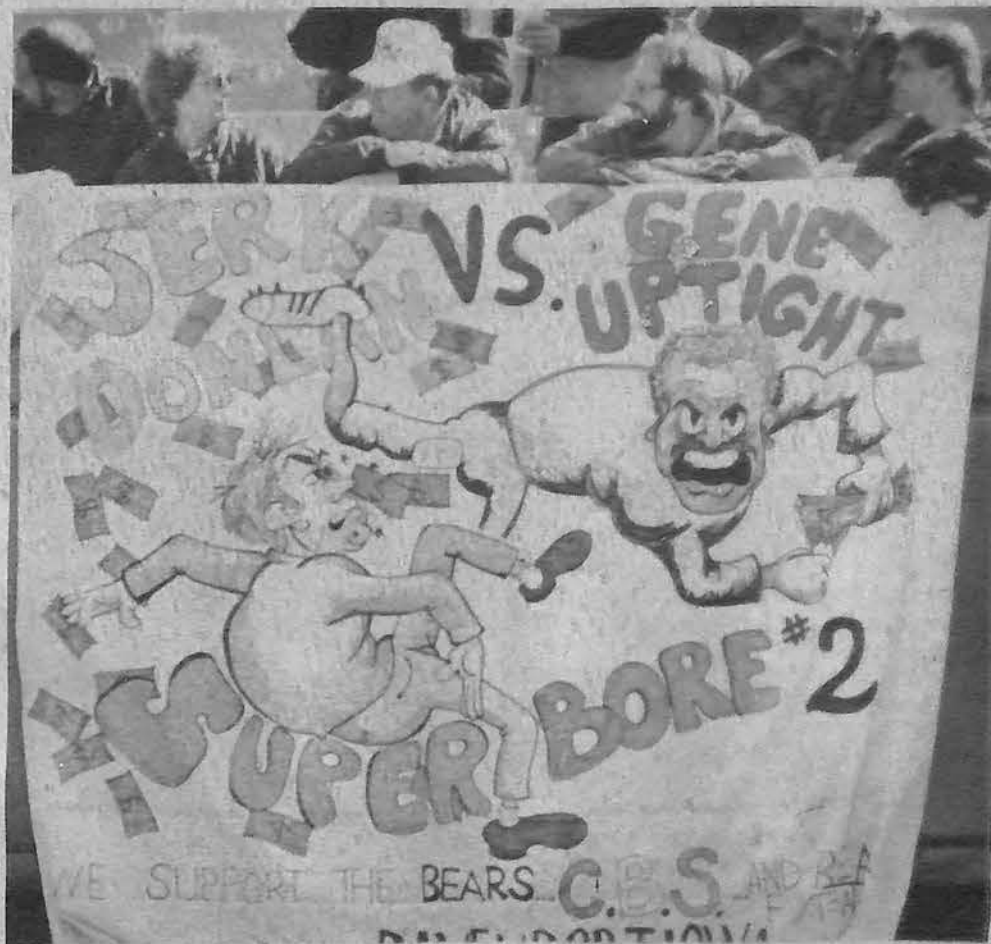
Viking wide receiver Anthony Carter came up with the best nickname for non-union players.

He called them: "Scabbage Patch Kids." The Vikings' original starting non-union quarterback was Larry Miller who was cut by the Chicago Bruisers of the Arena Football League.

## LEVY TO BEAVER:

The Bills fielded one of the worst non-union teams. And coach Marv Levy didn't argue about the dubious distinction.

"I still don't recognize most of these guys," Levy said. "I'm calling a lot of peo-



Bear fans at Sunday's game show what they think of the strike negotiations going on in Virginia. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

ple 'Skippy,' 'Skeezix' and 'Muscles'."

Asked if his new offense was simple because the Bills were trying to do a few things and do them well, Levy replied, "No. We're trying to do a few things and do them not badly."

## FRANKLY AND DAVIS:

Raider owner Al Davis thought his striking players were making a mistake. "If I was treated as well as these Raider players are treated, I wouldn't let anybody tell me what to do," Davis said. "I'm no lamb. I don't trail any flock."

Davis on the non-union players: "What everybody seems to forget is that they're human beings just taking advantage of an opportunity to play in the NFL. They're young people. And I'm a person who likes young people."

"Look. I'm a hawk when it comes to war. But I was against Vietnam because we never should have been there in the first place. So many youngsters died so needlessly in a land in which they knew nothing about."

"I see these guys right now wearing Raider uniforms taking pictures of one another. They're out there trying their best. They may not be around for long. But as long as they are here they will be treated with decency and respect."

The flip side of Davis' opinions about non-union players was voiced by outspoken Raider tight end Todd Christensen: "In one fell swoop, management hired, league-wide, whatever talentless, heartless, gutless, Benedict Arnold-like vermin it can to maintain the integrity of the game — which is Greek meaning 'to garner television revenues.'"

## WHAT'S MY LINE:

The Colt offensive line that attempted to

protect veteran quarterback Gary Hogeboom in Buffalo Oct. 4 was comprised (from tackle to tackle) of a used car salesman, an accountant, a grade school football coach, a salesman and a guy who owns a football club. The total NFL experience of those five players totaled one game.

Hogeboom insisted he had to cross picket lines to protect provisions of a \$6.2 million annuity in his contract.

Meanwhile the Colts signed a punter named David Cox even though he didn't impress assistant GM Bob Terpening. After watching Cox punt, Terpening said, "I hope they keep a stat this week on all the blocking backs who get kicked in the ass by the punters."

Later in the week the Colts cut Cox and signed former Steeler punter Craig Colquitt, a former alternate player-rep in Pittsburgh.

## BAINES OF EXISTENCE:

Seattle's best non-union running back was Darryl Baines who spent 1981 through 1985 in jail for second degree burglary and fleeing a pursuing police car. Baines is 27.

"He's kind of like the Ron LeFlore of football," said Mike Highsmith, the man who coached Baines for the Auburn (Wash.) Panthers in the minor leagues after he got out of jail. "He just needed a break."

One of Baines' competitors at running back was Tim Harris, a former Steeler. Before the strike, Harris was studying to become a law officer and is currently only an oral exam away from becoming a Richmond (Va.) policeman.

## CHARGE IT:

The day after Bengal coach Sam Wyche talked to striking quarterback Boomer Esiason on the picket line, Wyche recounted the

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"Watch'em jiggle..."

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## Worried about strike

Dear Doug,

I'm worried about the strike. Players complain about the pay, free agency, guaranteed contracts, pension and drug testing. Players make a lot of money for very, very hard, fun work — something a lot of people would dream of. What I would like to know is the average pay per player in the NFL and how much does the owner make per play after cost.

Why displease the fans? It all comes down to us, the fans, who pay the owners, who pay the players. So work this mess out fast because if we the fans stop paying to see the game on TV and at the field, the teams are just going to go broke and fold. And nobody will have a job and enjoyment. And we the fans don't want that.

Keith Barkus  
Highwood, IL

*Editor's note: Depending on whose figures you believe, and whether you want to include benefits in the salary package, the average player makes between \$200,000 and \$280,000 a year. As far as how much the owners make on each play, that varies with each team according to how much of a profit they made. Not all teams report their profits each year.*

## McMahon is best ever

Dear Editor,

I wish Jim McMahon played against the Giants. The Bears' score would have been a lot better with him. Jim, I think you're the best quarterback there ever was and ever will be. You've got style!

I'm not saying Mike Tomczak didn't play well, because he did in fact play great.

I don't know much about the Bears. In fact, I'm only an eighth-grade girl. But beware Tomczak, because I think McMahon will come back even better than before.

Tina Reynolds  
Albany, OR

## Players didn't have to strike

Dear Doug,

I'm tired of the strike. What are the real reasons for the strike? Do the players know what the issues are? Does Gene Upshaw lead the players or represent them?

I'm sorry for asking so many questions, but I'm mad. This strike is not worth it. It's a kick in the behind. What makes me really mad is that Upshaw says, "It's really, really sad that we have to strike." They didn't have to strike.

These guys in the NFL make lots of money. I wish I could play football. I would play with heart, not with the desire to make money.

Doug, I attend the University of New Orleans in Louisiana. In the school paper I found this article that's attached to this letter. I want to know if the things that I've outlined are true. Would you also update me on the progress of Jim McMahon?

Ronald H. McKee  
New Orleans, LA

*Editors note: You outlined a sentence that said, "The pension they have now is one of the best in the country." Obviously, that's a matter of opinion. But I can tell you that the players get \$12.5 million contributed to their retirement plan each year. The other sentence you outlined said, "The Bears have given the union one week to settle the strike or the team will play." That's not true. The Bears have never given that ultimatum to the union.*

As for the progress of Jim McMahon, we assume he's working out on his own during the strike. And he has attended the practice sessions the players have organized for themselves.

## Unimpressed with Jiggetts and Bear Report

Dear Editor,

I can't tell you how unimpressed I was with the Oct. 5 issue of the Bear Report. Isn't it bad enough that the players have to strike, let alone your newspaper?

The only thing funnier than this issue that I've seen this fall was the newstape that showed ex-Bear Dan Jiggetts sitting next to Gene Upshaw representing the so-called NFLPA. Your readers may remember Mr. Jiggetts. Hailed as a great prospect, he spent his entire career on the bench for the Bears. I vividly remember his first start at left tackle in 1982 against the Detroit Lions. Al Baker ate him for lunch, and in the process almost killed poor Bob Avellini. If I remember correctly, Mr. Jiggetts was cut a few days later.

How fitting that the current top-line players in the NFL should be represented, and taking advice, from someone of his playing ability. Talk about second string! The only advice Mr. Jiggetts should give is how to keep people fooled into thinking that you are something you are not. Maybe he is after all.

I am a season ticket holder and will attend games played by whoever is wearing the uniform of the Chicago Bears. I will cheer loudly and hope Mr. Jiggetts and Mr. Upshaw hear me. After all, I cheered for Mr. Jiggetts when he had no more qualifications to play the game than do the players of the make-up teams.

Once again the fan bites the bullet. First from a strike that makes no economical sense, and then from the Bear Report for sending an issue (Oct. 5) in which the delivery took more talent than the compilation of the paper.

Is your staff being counseled by Mr. Jiggetts also? It will be interesting to see if you print this letter or classify it as an unimportant viewpoint, like the players believe the fan to be.

Patrick C. McCarthy  
Galena, IL

## Bears throw season away

Dear Doug,

What a huge mess! The Bears have thrown everything away for the 1987 season by going on strike.

I can't believe football players, who don't live in the real world in the first place, go on strike for very unreal situations. This whole strike is a huge joke. Gene Upshaw is an idiot at best, and I am sick of the prima donna attitudes.

The fan again gets hurt by this waste of time strike. If you can't live a good life and plan for your future with the money these yoyos make, then I hope they fall right on their faces.

Wake up Bears, and the rest of the NFL, before it's too late.

Walt Morris  
Greenwood, IN

## Empathize with fans' sentiments

Dear Doug,

As a player, I'm sure your sympathies lie largely with the strikers in this sad state of affairs. However, as a participant in a bygone era, when players played more for honor and glory than for Mercedes and commercial endorsements, I hope you can empathize with the sentiments of a true fan of the Chicago Bears.

The Chicago Bears played football the way it was meant to be played for nearly a half century without ever missing a game until 1982, when the NFLPA decided it was time to demand its share of the now huge TV pie. While that strike was probably justified by the owners' reluctance to share their new-found

wealth with those who earned it for them, it still represents an ugly blemish on a game so rich in tradition, pride and competitiveness. The thought of not playing a scheduled match seemed, and still seems, inconceivable to football purists. The fans suffered, but the players benefitted richly and the fans forgave them.

Now, five years later, the NFLPA has walked out on the fans again, this time presumably over the right to entertain any fans they may choose to. Imagine Walter Payton in his prime taking his act to the highest bidder. He'd probably be wearing a Giants or Rams uniform — or even worse, a Jets or Raiders jersey. And for this right to "work wherever we want to," they ask our support. No sympathy.

My allegiance will continue to be where it has always been — with the team. I applaud the owners for saying, "Enough is enough. We can't have walkouts every time a contract expires." There is no single issue — least of all free agency — that justifies the players refusal to uphold the tradition of their teams. So when the so-called scabs, who show more courage than the strikers, don the orange and blue of Chicago I will cheer just as loud as ever. At least these players are playing as much for the glory as they are for the adulation. The fans can relate to these true blue collar types rather than wor-

ship those who wear fur collars. Perhaps this is what the game needs.

No, the quality of play won't be what we've become accustomed to. But the desire and dedication will be there, and when those guys put on their helmets and run out onto the field, the pride and tradition of the decades will overwhelm them. They may not be the best players money can buy, but at least they are willing to compete and fight for the honor of our cities.

I hope that our "heroes" make a principled decision to return to the game that has been so good to them. I think that more than any other team, the Bears understand tradition and pride in accomplishment. This was to be their year, Walter's curtain call. It is disillusioning to me, and I'm sure to the youth of Chicago, that men like Mike Singletary are willing to walk a picket line while lesser talents dedicate their efforts to the team.

Gene Upshaw and his radical followers have gone too far and are a threat to the integrity of the game. Get the players off the picket line and put Upshaw in the unemployment line. I supported the Bears when times were rough, the Dooley and Gibron years, and I will support them through this crisis too, win or lose. I hope the Bear Report is just as loyal and doesn't become a union rag.

Tom Woodbury  
Colorado Springs, CO

## Hewitt

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conversation. Specifically, he addressed Esiason's complaint that he didn't have any equipment with which to practice. "You're making a million dollars a year, man," Wyche said. "Break down. Buy a football."

Esiason's response: "I hope he (Wyche) can afford a football after this year."

The striking Bengals practiced twice before Esiason announced, "That's it." He said they would practice no more.

### NOTES AND QUOTES:

•One non-union player for the Giants was linebacker Danny DeRose, who quit his job as an economics professor at Southern Colorado University to play in the NFL. The Giants' starting quarterback was Jim Coricchia. Coricchia was the second-team all Ivy League quarterback last year.

•Match-up of the first non-union week:

Steeler running back Spark Clark against Falcon cornerback Struggy Smith.

•An anonymous Colts coach when asked what the biggest surprise was so far during non-union practices: "That we haven't had to administer CPR to anyone."

•The Chiefs signed non-union player Chris Evans and gave him No. 41, the number of striking James Evans. The move meant they didn't even have to change the name on the jersey. "They gave away my jersey and they gave away my name," said James Evans.

•Kansas City coach Frank Gansz has encouraged his regular players not to cross picket lines. "I want them to stay together," he said. "They made a decision. They should live up to that decision."

•Veteran Giant linebacker Harry Carson after watching a tape of the Giant-Bronco Super Bowl replay last Sept. 27: "I may have played my last football game."

•The Giants had almost a dozen team gatherings (practices, picket sessions, etc.) in the early days of the strike. Lawrence Taylor, the highest-paid player, on the team at \$900,000 per year (base salary) didn't attend a single one.

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# 1987 NFL SCHEDULE

## Week 1

**Sunday, Sept. 13**

L.A. Raiders 20, Green Bay 0  
Minnesota 34, Detroit 19  
Kansas City 20, San Diego 13  
New Orleans 28, Cleveland 21  
N.Y. Jets 31, Buffalo 28  
Houston 20, L.A. Rams 16  
New England 28, Miami 21  
Pittsburgh 30, San Francisco 17  
Cincinnati 23, Indianapolis 21  
St. Louis 24, Dallas 13  
Tampa Bay 48, Atlanta 10  
Washington 34, Philadelphia 24  
Denver 40, Seattle 17

**Monday, Sept. 14**

Chicago 34, Giants 19

## Week 2

**Sunday, Sept. 20**

Denver 17, Green Bay 17  
Chicago 20, Tampa Bay 3  
Minnesota 21, L.A. Rams 16  
L.A. Raiders 27, Detroit 7  
Philadelphia 27, New Orleans 17  
Atlanta 21, Washington 20  
Dallas 16, N.Y. Giants 14  
Buffalo 34, Houston 30  
Miami 23, Indianapolis 10  
Cleveland 34, Pittsburgh 10  
Seattle 43, Kansas City 14  
San Francisco 27, Cincinnati 26  
San Diego 28, St. Louis 24

**Monday, Sept. 21**

N.Y. Jets 44, New England 24

## Week 3

**Sunday, Sept. 27**

Atlanta at New Orleans, noon  
Buffalo at Dallas, noon  
N.Y. Giants at Miami, noon  
Indianapolis at St. Louis, noon  
New England at Washington, noon  
Minnesota at Kansas City, noon  
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, noon  
Chicago at Detroit, noon  
L.A. Raiders at Houston, noon  
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.  
Seattle at San Diego, 3 p.m.  
Cincinnati at L.A. Rams, 3 p.m.  
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 3 p.m.  
**Monday, Sept. 28**  
Denver at Cleveland, 8 p.m.

## Week 4

**Sunday, Oct. 4**

Green Bay 23, Minnesota 16  
Pittsburgh 28, Atlanta 12  
San Diego 10, Cincinnati 9  
Cleveland 20, New England 10  
Indianapolis 47, Buffalo 6  
Tampa Bay 31, Detroit 27  
Chicago 35, Philadelphia 3  
Washington 28, St. Louis 21  
New Orleans 37, L.A. Rams 10  
Houston 40, Denver 10  
L.A. Raiders 35, Kansas City 17  
Dallas 38, N.Y. Jets 24  
Seattle 24, Miami 20

**Monday, Sept. 21**

San Francisco 41, N.Y. Giants 21

## Week 5

**Sunday, Oct. 11**

Detroit 19, Green Bay 16 (OT)  
St. Louis 24, New Orleans 19  
Dallas 41, Philadelphia 22  
Chicago 27, Minnesota 7  
San Diego 17, Tampa Bay 13  
New England 14, Buffalo 7  
Houston 15, Cleveland 10  
Indianapolis 6, New York Jets 0  
Miami 42, Kansas City 0  
Washington 38, N.Y. Giants 12  
Cincinnati 17, Seattle 10  
San Francisco 25, Atlanta 17  
L.A. Rams 31, Pittsburgh 21

**Monday, Oct. 12**

L.A. Raiders at Denver, 8 p.m.

## Week 6

**Sunday, Oct. 18**

Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, noon  
Seattle at Detroit, noon  
Miami at N.Y. Jets, noon  
New England at Houston, noon  
Cleveland at Cincinnati, noon  
Philadelphia at Green Bay, noon  
New Orleans at Chicago, noon  
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, noon  
L.A. Rams at Atlanta, noon  
N.Y. Giants at Buffalo, 3 p.m.  
San Diego at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.  
Denver at Kansas City, 3 p.m.  
St. Louis at San Francisco, 3 p.m.

**Monday, Oct. 19**

Washington at Dallas, 8 p.m.

## Week 7

**Sunday, Oct. 25**

Atlanta at Houston, noon  
Buffalo at Miami, noon  
Chicago at Tampa Bay, noon  
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, noon  
Dallas at Philadelphia, noon  
Denver at Minnesota, noon  
Green Bay at Detroit, noon  
New England at Indianapolis, noon  
N.Y. Jets at Washington, noon  
San Francisco at New Orleans, noon  
St. Louis at N.Y. Giants, 3 p.m.  
Seattle at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.  
Kansas City at San Diego, 3 p.m.

**Monday, Oct. 26**

L.A. Rams at Cleveland, 8 p.m.

## Week 8

**Sunday, Nov. 1**

Houston at Cincinnati, noon  
Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets, noon  
Kansas City at Chicago, noon  
L.A. Raiders at New England, noon  
New Orleans at Atlanta, noon  
Philadelphia at St. Louis, noon  
Pittsburgh at Miami, noon  
Tampa Bay vs. Green Bay, at Milw., noon  
Washington at Buffalo, noon  
Cleveland at San Diego, 3 p.m.  
Detroit at Denver, 3 p.m.  
Minnesota at Seattle, 3 p.m.  
San Francisco at L.A. Rams, 3 p.m.  
**Monday, Nov. 2**  
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 8 p.m.

## Week 9

**Sunday, Nov. 8**

Atlanta at Cleveland, noon  
Chicago at Green Bay, noon  
Dallas at Detroit, noon  
Denver at Buffalo, noon  
L.A. Raiders at Minnesota, noon  
Pittsburgh at Kansas City, noon  
San Diego at Indianapolis, noon  
Tampa Bay at St. Louis, noon  
Washington at Philadelphia, noon  
Houston at San Francisco, 3 p.m.  
New Orleans at L.A. Rams, 3 p.m.  
Miami at Cincinnati, 3 p.m.  
New England at N.Y. Giants, 7 p.m.

**Monday, Nov. 9**

Seattle at N.Y. Jets, 8 p.m.

## Week 10

**Sunday, Nov. 15**

Buffalo at Cleveland, noon  
Dallas at New England, noon  
Detroit at Washington, noon  
Houston at Pittsburgh, noon  
L.A. Rams at St. Louis, noon  
Indianapolis at Miami, noon  
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, noon  
N.Y. Jets at Kansas City, noon  
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 3 p.m.  
Green Bay at Seattle, 3 p.m.  
New Orleans at San Francisco, 3 p.m.  
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.  
L.A. Raiders at San Diego, 7 p.m.

**Monday, Nov. 16**

Chicago at Denver, 8 p.m.

## Week 11

**Sunday, Nov. 22**

Atlanta at Minnesota, noon  
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, noon  
Cleveland at Houston, noon  
Detroit at Chicago, noon  
Green Bay at Kansas City, noon  
Indianapolis at New England, noon  
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, noon  
St. Louis at Philadelphia, noon  
San Francisco at Tampa Bay, noon  
N.Y. Giants at New Orleans, 3 p.m.  
San Diego at Seattle, 3 p.m.  
Denver at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.  
Miami at Dallas, 7 p.m.

**Monday, Nov. 23**

L.A. Rams at Washington, 8 p.m.

## Week 12

**Thursday, Nov. 26**

Kansas City at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.  
Minnesota at Dallas, 3 p.m.  
**Sunday, Nov. 29**  
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, noon  
Green Bay at Chicago, noon  
Houston at Indianapolis, noon  
Miami at Buffalo, noon  
New Orleans at Pittsburgh, noon  
Philadelphia at New England, noon  
St. Louis at Atlanta, noon  
Tampa Bay at L.A. Rams, 3 p.m.  
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 3 p.m.  
Denver at San Diego, 3 p.m.  
Cleveland at San Francisco, 7 p.m.

**Monday, Nov. 30**

L.A. Raiders at Seattle, 8 p.m.

## Week 13

**Sunday, Dec. 6**

Atlanta at Dallas, noon  
Indianapolis at Cleveland, noon  
Kansas City at Cincinnati, noon  
L.A. Rams at Detroit, noon  
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, noon  
San Diego at Houston, noon  
San Francisco at Green Bay, noon  
Seattle at Pittsburgh, noon  
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Buffalo at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.  
New England at Denver, 3 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 3 p.m.  
Chicago at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 7**

N.Y. Jets at Miami, 8 p.m.

## Week 14

**Sunday, Dec. 13**

Buffalo at Indianapolis, noon  
Cincinnati at Cleveland, noon  
Dallas at Washington, noon  
Houston at New Orleans, noon  
Miami at Philadelphia, noon  
Minnesota vs. Green Bay at Milw., noon  
N.Y. Jets at New England, noon  
L.A. Raiders at Kansas City, 3 p.m.  
N.Y. Giants at St. Louis, 3 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at San Diego, 3 p.m.  
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.  
Atlanta at L.A. Rams, 3 p.m.  
Denver at Seattle, 7 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 14**

Chicago at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

## Week 15

**Saturday, Dec. 19**

Green Bay at N.Y. Giants, 11:30 a.m.  
Kansas City at Denver, 3 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 20**

Minnesota at Detroit, noon  
New England at Buffalo, noon  
New Orleans at Cincinnati, noon  
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, noon  
Pittsburgh at Houston, noon  
San Francisco at Atlanta, noon  
Seattle at Chicago, noon  
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.  
Indianapolis at San Diego, 3 p.m.  
Cleveland at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.  
Washington at Miami, 7 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 21**

Dallas at L.A. Rams, 8 p.m.

## Week 16

**Saturday, Dec. 26**

Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m.  
Washington at Minnesota, 3 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 27**

Buffalo at Philadelphia, noon  
Cincinnati at Houston, noon  
Detroit at Atlanta, noon  
Green Bay at New Orleans, noon  
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, noon  
St. Louis at Dallas, noon  
Seattle at Kansas City, noon  
Tampa Bay at Indianapolis, noon  
San Diego at Denver, 3 p.m.  
Chicago at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.  
L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 7 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 28**

New England at Miami, 8 p.m.

## NFL Standings

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

#### Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Chicago	4	0	0	1.000	116	32
Minnesota	2	2	0	.500	78	85
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	.500	95	74
Green Bay	1	2	1	.375	56	72
Detroit	1	3	0	.250	72	108

#### East Division

Dallas	3	1	0	.750	108	84
Washington	3	1	0	.750	120	78
St. Louis	2	2	0	.500	93	88
Philadelphia	1	3	0	.250	76	127
N.Y. Giants	0	4	0	.000	66	129

#### West Division

San Francisco	3	1	0	.750	105	94
New Orleans	2	2	0	.500	101	82
Atlanta	1	3	0	.250	60	121
L.A. Rams	1	3	0	.250	73	99

### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

#### East Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	2	2	0	.500	84	52
Miami	2	2	0	.500	106	62
New England	2	2	0	.500	76	91
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500	98	96
Buffalo	1	3	0	.250	75	122

#### Central Division

Houston	3	1	0	.750	105	70
Cincinnati	2	2	0	.500	75	68
Cleveland	2	2	0	.500	85	63
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	.500	89	94

#### West Division

L.A. Raiders	3	0	0	1.000	82	24
San Diego	3	1	0	.750	68	66
Seattle	2	2	0	.500	94	91
Denver	1	1	1	.500	67	74
Kansas City	1	3	0	.250	51	133